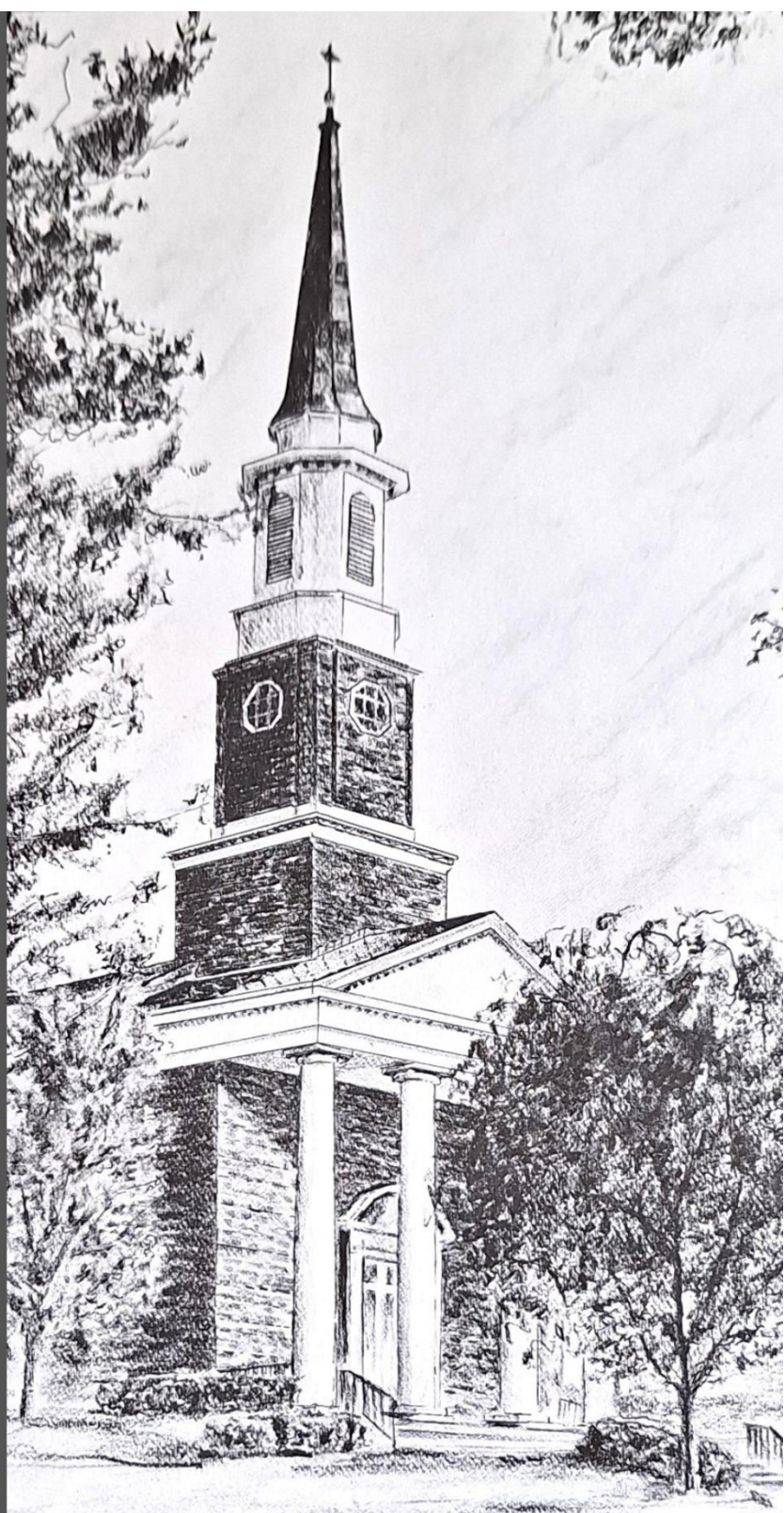


# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Adagio in D-Flat*

F. Liszt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Sing and Rejoice*

William Bradbury

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The church is not a museum for saints. It is a hospital for sinners. Augustine 354-430

**Stand firm, read the signs, and be ready.**

The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. John Chrysostom 347-407

**The one who endures to the end will be saved.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

My God and Savior, we feel the blessing of belonging here. We belong to you. Here is the hospital for our souls. Here is our spiritual home. We feel your welcome. We look for your mercies. Strengthen us for love and service. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 810

*When in the Night I Meditate*

ST. FLAVIAN

Vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We are joined in a great fellowship here, and it is a fellowship of healing. We live by God's gracious mercy. Let us call on that mercy now. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Behold us in our brokenness, O Lord! We come to you for healing. If we are to be made strong again, and if we are to be set right, we will need your loving**

**care. Hear us as we call on you to be our physician and our Lord, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Kyrie” from *Service in F*

Harold Darke

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison* (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Water soothes and heals. It washes and makes us clean. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We share in the peace that passes all understanding. Indeed, the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 215)

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, send your Word to lodge in our hearts and remain with us always. By what you will say to us, draw us closer to each other and to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16 (O.T. p. 495)

The Psalms are a songbook for believers. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Mark 13:1-13 (N.T. p. 50) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

\*HYMN 810

*When in the Night I Meditate*  
Vs. 3 & 5

ST. FLAVIAN

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Belbar Confession*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Write Your Blessed Name*

K. Lee Scott

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. Amen.*

*-Thomas à Kempis*

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all: (Hymn 572)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
*The prayer continues.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Gluten free elements are available on the small plate near the baptismal font. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

#### COMMUNION MOTET

*The Best of Rooms*

Robert Lehman

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:  
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We pray that everyone here will know that they belong. You have fed and refreshed us. You have offered yourself to us, body and blood. None of us can say that we are apart for you. Send us out now, to love and serve; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 543                      *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*                      GREEN TYLER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Twofold Amen*                      J. Storer

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY                      *Prelude in F Major*                      J.S. Bach

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington* ~ Liturgist: *Suzanne Guyer*

Communion Servers: *Linda Morris & Jeff Moles* ~ Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

**You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:**

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at [fpcobky.com/give](http://fpcobky.com/give)
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



## The Life of the Church

**A Donation Drive for St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter** is being held this November to help our neighbors prepare for the winter months. Please plan to bring the following items:

**Sunday, Nov. 24** - Socks and Hand Warmers

**Our Fall Study on Poverty** continues through November 25, meeting Mondays from 6:30-8. This week we will discuss *The Power of Forgiveness: Building a New Way* (Reading: Part V).

**Hanging of the Greens** Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 30th and come help us decorate and prepare the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. We will begin at 9 AM. All are welcome to come lend a hand!

Our annual **Advent Workshop** will be held on December 1 from 4:00-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a simple meal and time of fellowship to kick off this special season in our church life. We will have crafts, activities, assembling care packages, and more!

**On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** we will be having a reception to celebrate **Jeff Moles** and send him off with all of our love, support, and best wishes. Please bring an appetizer/ finger food to share. Beverages will be provided by the Congregational Life Committee. We will also have a basket set out for cards/love offerings.

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>Year (through Oct.)</b>	<b>Month of Nov. (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending Nov. 16</b>
Income: \$414,694.89*	Income: \$17,612.00	Income: \$ 7,495.00
<u>Expense: \$444,621.11</u>	<u>Expense: \$25,492.09</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 8,665.63</u>
Balance: -\$29,926.22	Balance: -\$ 7,880.09	Balance: -\$ 1,170.63

\*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

**Want to help?** If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.

**Poinsettias** will be ordered again this year through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. They will be available for a suggested donation of \$15 each. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate along with a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church with Poinsettia in the memo. You may also call the church office, 270-684-1467, or email, [office@fpcobky.com](mailto:office@fpcobky.com), to place your order. Order deadline is Sunday, November 24.



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